Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023 at 02:06 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for timing of rain clearance on Wednesday morning. Otherwise high for changeable and showery weather for the rest of this week. High for a drier day on Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 20 Sep 2023: Windy with scattered showers, brightest in the south.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
50%	30%	30%	30%	40%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Weather: Outbreaks of rain, heavy at first, quickly clearing. Then the day will see bright intervals and a few passing showers. Showers will be most frequent and occasionally heavy in the afternoon and evening with a chance of thunder.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance this morning

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres at first, this lifting and breaking to patches down to 800 metres by mid-morning. Low cloud will become more extensive at times down to 700 metres across northern and western Argyll as well as southern Lochaber through the afternoon and evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	34/42 S	41/51 S	48/62 S	57/73 SW	48/62 SW	41/53 SW	42/54 SW
900	24/32 S	31/41 S	35/48 S	40/55 SW	35/48 SW	30/43 SW	31/43 SW
600	33/40 S	32/40 SW	41/53 S	51/65 SW	43/56 SW	38/49 SW	39/51 SW
300	16/26 S	21/31 S	26/38 S	30/44 SW	24/38 SW	20/32 SW	21/33 SW
Glen	7/20 SW	12/27 S	18/35 S	23/45 SW	17/34 SW	15/31 SW	15/31 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	8/2	5/-2	5/-3	3/-6	2/-7	2/-7	2/-6
900	10/6	8/3	8/2	6/-1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2
600	12/7	10/6	10/4	8/1	6/0	7/1	7/1
300	14/11	13/9	12/8	10/5	9/5	9/5	9/5
Glen	15/14	15/12	14/11	12/8	11/8	11/8	11/8
Freezing Level*	2600m	1900m	2000m	1700m	1500m	1400m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Gales or even storm force summit winds will lead slow progress and a risk of being blown over. Drenching conditions will also develop in any rain along with notable wind chill.

Forecast for Thursday 21 Sep 2023
Weather: After a bright start in the south there will be a fair amount of cloud through the day with showers or occasionally longer spells of rain. Windy on the summits with notable wind chill.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds average speeds of 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph, but nearer to 50 mph on the higher tops at first

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the south first thing in the morning

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 700 to 900 metres through the day, this most persistent across Argyll and southern Lochaber

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 16 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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